Bogus BPL ration cards in Delhi

2073.SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether large number of persons defraud Food and Supply Department, Delhi and obtain BPL ration cards fraudulently;

(b) if so, the number of persons who have obtained BPL ration cards on the basis of false affidavits and the action taken/ proposed to be taken against such persons;

(c) whether BPL persons are not getting PDS items and if so, the measures taken to ensure that they get PDS items; and

(d) the details of the food items seized during raids conducted in Delhi during the last three years and the action taken against hoarders and officials in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (d) It has been reported by the Government of NCT of Delhi that during last one year, verification of ration cards by sorting out and elimination of duplicates and multiple cards through computerization was taken up. During this process, some persons who had been issued BPL cards in their names were not found residing at the addresses given in their food cards/applications. Thus, 8522 BPL cards were eliminated through computerization and 2114 BPL Food cards have been eliminated through verification. The nexus between illegal beneficiaries of bogus/ghost ration cards is being investigated by a separate agency.

BPL cardholders are getting PDS items regularly as per allocation. In case any complaint is received against PDS outlets, strict action is taken for violation of PDS (Control) Order, including lodging of FIR.

In various raids conducted by the Government of NCT of Delhi, following food items were seized during the last three years:-

2006 - Wheat	-	221 Qtls.
2007 - Wheat	-	512 Qtls.
Rice	-	101 Qtls.
2008 - Wheat	-	769 Qtls.
Rice	-	5650 Qtls.

For these malpractices, 14 FIRs have been lodged against the hoarders during the last three years and two officials suspended in 2008.

Corruption in PDS

2074.SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the C & A G report on PDS has revealed that 40 per cent of beneficiaries have been kept away from PDS by denying them ration cards and 99 per cent of those who availed the benefits reported that they had not received foodgrains regularly;